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Dear Darrell,

On behalf of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) and the entire Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4) team, we extend our sincere gratitude for the time and effort you dedicated as a member of the Federal Steering Committee for the Environmental Protection Agency.

The National Climate Assessment is the U.S. Government's premier resource for communicating the risks that climate change poses to the Nation, as well as what is being and can be done to minimize those risks. It is a national effort, bringing together experts from the 13 Federal agencies of USGCRP and the broader Federal government, as well as hundreds of experts from state and local governments, tribal communities, academia, non-profit organizations, and private sector entities.

Your role in guiding NCA4 began in early 2016 when the Steering Committee was established. You helped to keep NCA4 on-track through a change of administration. You developed a complex authorship model that ensured non-Federal participation was a central component of the NCA4 effort. You developed author guidance for risk-based framing and to ensure consistency and readability, resulting in a report that has already resonated with so many communities. Throughout it all, you worked tirelessly to ensure the report made its way as smoothly as possible through each federal review phase of the process. And this was in addition to your day-to-day agency responsibilities. Your service to the NCA4 effort has been nothing short of outstanding and we are deeply grateful for your contributions. Your hard work and attention to detail under tight time constraints resulted in a product that is already being hailed as a new standard for quality and accessibility.

We now have important roles as ambassadors of the National Climate Assessment. We look forward to working with you in 2019 and beyond to ensure the American people are aware of and understand the risks climate changes poses to the things they value—and, just as importantly, what can be done to address those risks.

Sincerely,

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